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Stowell Products mill closes for second time in four years

Last Friday's closing of the Stowell Products Inc. mill in Woodstock has left most of the company's 40 to 45 workers without a job and Woodstock town officials uncertain when—or if—they will be able to collect more than \$90,000 in taxes owed by the mill.

It is also far from clear that the mill, which has provided employment for local people for over 100 years, will ever reopen as a wood-working operation.

Casco Northern Bank, which holds the mortgage on the property, foreclosed on the property Friday. This marked the second time in less than four years the bank closed the mill. In 1985, the bank took over the mill from Dexter Stowell, whose family had owned it since 1928.

Two weeks later, however, the mill was operating again under new owners. This time the outlook is less promising. A spokesman for Casco Northern said the

bank has met with the Stowell management to discuss future options, but he declined to say whether any potential buyers had expressed interest in the mill, or whether the bank had firm plans for auctioning it off.

Given the economic uncertainty of the wood products industry, it may be difficult to find a buyer willing to restart the mill as a manufacturing operation. As was the case with the earlier closing, mill officials blamed poor sales, caused in part by foreign competition, for the company's inability to operate at a profit.

Workers in the mill were given only a week's notice of the closing, according to Troy Jordan, a five-year veteran of the mill. But it did not come as a complete surprise. The lack of new orders and new wood stock had been apparent to the workers, he said, and it had been rumored for some time that the mill might be forced to close.

Because the mill employed fewer than 100 workers, it was not covered by state regulations concerning termination notice or severance pay.

Workers were given no severance pay, Mr. Jordan, said, but they do have the opportunity of converting their health insurance to a private plan.

Representatives from Mountain Valley Training and SAD #44 Adult and Community Education met informally with the workers on Thursday to review the resources available to them. These include training assessment, educational testing, job counseling, GED and other courses, job-hunting workshops, and tips on filling out applications and resumes.

Some of the workers may be able to find new work quickly, but they will probably have to be willing and able to commute or relocate.

A representative of a Waterford wood-turning mill has expressed interest in hiring experienced spool operators, and Village Woodworking, a Connecticut firm that plans to open a furniture manufacturing operation in the new Oxford Industrial Park, is seeking workers with skills similar to those of Stowell employees.

Even if the laid-off workers are able to

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Deer total now at 226

Following the third full week of hunting, the total number of deer killed in the local area stood at 226; the total number of bear killed as of this week was 73.

By tagging station, the totals were as follows:

At the Bear River Cabins, in Newry, there were 17 deer and 25 bear so far this season.

At Westleigh's Garage, in Bethel, there have been 50 deer brought in as of this week. The largest deer to date was shot by Peter Seames, of Albany. His 10-point buck weighed 246 pounds.

At Bob's Corner Store, in Locke Mills, 37 deer have been tagged so far.

At the Trap Corner Store, in West Paris, they have recorded 64 deer and 10 bear.

At Mills' Market, in Andover, 58 deer and 38 bear have been brought in thus far.

WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

The ban on overnight parking on Bethel streets went into effect this week, according to the town manager.

Normally the ban goes into effect the beginning of November; but because of the absence of snow, town officials held off implementing the ban.

With the beginning of snowfall last weekend, however, the overnight parking ban is now in effect so that crews can clear snow from the streets throughout the winter.

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY

The Bethel Town Office will be closed Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. This day will be given town employees in lieu of taking off on Patriots Day, according to the town manager.

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New runway opens

It's official. The new 3,250-foot runway at Col. Dyke Field officially opened for take-offs and landings last Friday. The town office received word on that day that the Federal Aviation Administration had given its blessing to the new runway, and the town office immediately notified interested persons.

Those pilots who had been using the million-dollar runway for the past half year (even before it was paved) could now do so with the complete backing of the FAA.

However, the FAA has put the first 400 feet of the runway off limits for the time being because of tall trees on the glide path for the approach. The trees are on the Harrington and Godwin properties. Other trees—on the Gilbert and cemetery properties—have also caused concern for the FAA, as has the Harrington barn.

Town Manager Rodney Lynch said the town will endeavor to work out aviation easements with the owners of the properties in order to clear the area for planes. Failing that, the town will seek to purchase the properties.

Mr. Lynch said surveyor Dana Douglass is working on determining which properties are needed. Once this is done, the town will get two independent appraisals on the value of the properties.

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"HEY, WE'VE BEEN DISCOVERED. LET'S GET OUTA HERE!" Too late, Seth Howe, and his parents (Bob and Linda Howe) of Northwest Bethel, know

where to find these birds in time for Thanksgiving. They'll surely be the hit of the dinner. (Photo by Jeanne Boekma)

Fight finished on Sudbury's music permit—for time being

The fourth and final round of the long, drawn-out—and sometimes acrimonious—fight over the Sudbury Inn's entertainment permit finally ended at this week's selectmen's meeting. The Board of Selectmen, on a 5-0 vote, with no discussion on whether or not the permit should be granted, did grant the permit, which will allow the Sudbury to continue to feature live band music.

The permit question had been bouting back and forth for the past two months. On Oct. 3 the selectmen denied renewal of the permit. Then, on Oct. 17, the selectmen agreed to hold a re-hearing on the permit application, yielding to the argument that the owners—David and Cheri Thurston—had not been informed about the Oct. 3 hearing and therefore had not appeared to defend themselves against charges that the bands were causing bothersome noise.

The re-hearing was held Nov. 7, and Monday night's vote finally settled the issue.

But not fully. The selectmen said the permit would be a "limited permit" until such time that the town can develop an ordinance establishing noise level standards. Board Chairman Arlan Jodrey said he hoped the ordinance would go into effect by summer or fall. It would then set limits on the amount of noise that live entertainment would be allowed to produce, and these limits would apply to any entertainment permits already granted.

A rough guideline for how much noise should be allowed off the premises of an establishment was suggested by Harry "Dutch" Dresser, of Church Street. In a letter to the selectmen, Dr. Dresser wrote: "It seems to me that people who live in houses in Bethel village should reasonably expect a level of noise within their homes equivalent to that generated by a low to moderate density road traffic travelling at 25 to 30 miles per hour on the road outside the house. That noise level is a definable, measurable quantity. That level of noise should be ex-

pected part of village living. Noises from any source which exceed those levels within neighboring homes could be considered extraordinary and an infringement on a reasonably expected quality of life."

Dr. Dresser's letter arrived in time for a public hearing Monday night on a renewal of the Backstage Restaurant's entertainment permit. As at the Sudbury Inn, bands playing at the Backstage have occasionally disturbed neighbors. At the public hearing a number of neighbors—most of them in the Gould Academy community—complained about loud music late at night.

Pat Donovan, who lives across from the restaurant and lounge, on Summer Street, said she can hear the music while sitting in her living room, and it's even louder upstairs in her bedroom.

Tineke Ouwinga, who lives at the corner of Summer and Elm streets, said she is also bothered by the music. "Not enough is being done to confine the noise to the restaurant," she said.

There were also a number of letters from people in the Gould community complaining about the noise. William Talpey, who lives on the second floor of Holden Hall, wrote, "I frequent the bars in Bethel because I very much enjoy hearing live music. What I do not enjoy is being kept awake on a Friday night when we have classes the next day or being woken up by a droning bass."

Tami and Blake Johnson were more blunt. They wrote, "This is our fifth year in Bethel. We both teach at Gould Academy and live in Holden dormitory (facing the tennis courts). Since the Backstage has opened, we have been forced to listen to the rock 'n' roll music

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G'wood and W'stock leaders discuss common problems and concerns

In an effort to enhance cooperation between their two towns in dealing with problems of common concern, selectmen and planning board members from Greenwood and Woodstock met last week and spent nearly three hours discussing a number of specific issues, including code enforcement, the performance of SAD #44, and the various impacts of development on the towns.

Woodstock First Selectman George Hooper, who moderated the meeting, noted that the towns had already established a very solid groundwork for cooperation in their joint management of the Greenstock Transfer Station.

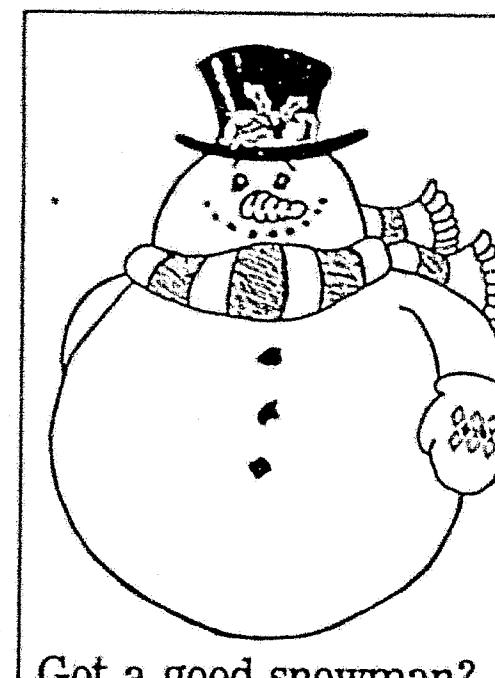
Such successful cooperation has proven difficult for most other towns in the state, he said, but it will become increasingly necessary as the state stresses regional solutions for regional problems.

"It seems that every time I call Augusta with some problems, they now ask, 'What are you doing at the local level?'" he said.

Since the two towns share many characteristics, not the least of which are their ponds and lakes, and they face many of the same problems, it only makes sense for them to cooperate with each other, he said.

Code enforcement in the towns was the lead-off topic, as virtually everyone at the meeting agreed that code enforcement in the towns has not kept pace with increased development pressures.

Sam Timberlake, of Bethel, serves as



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code enforcement officer and plumbing inspector for the two towns, and for other area towns including Bethel. However, a number of people at the meeting suggest

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Opinions

A time for thanks-giving

If preparing Thanksgiving dinner this year seems an insurmountable task, consider this:

Women present for kitchen duty at Plymouth, in 1621, numbered only four. They were all who remained of the 18 adult women who had arrived above the Mayflower the previous winter. With the help of five teenaged girls, they fed about 50 Pilgrims and 90 Indians who were present for the feast, which extended over a three-day period. Count your blessings.

from The Woodstock Weekly

Good news on drunk driving

While everyone knows drunk driving is the cause of numerous accidents and much needless loss of life, the good news is drunk driving in Maine—as judged by alcohol-related highway fatalities—has been decreasing.

According to figures put together by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), in 1980, of the 261 highway traffic deaths, 157 (or 60 percent) were alcohol-related. Last year, of the 232 traffic fatalities, 113 (or 49 percent) were alcohol-related. This year, through October, there were 204 highway fatalities, and only 71 (or 35 percent) were alcohol-related.

That's real progress, and the state's new, tougher OUI standard—passed in the last session of the Legislature—should bring the numbers of alcohol-related deaths down further.

If people want to kill themselves, that's one thing. But drinking and then driving increases the likelihood that innocent people as well will be killed or injured. It's a preventable tragedy.

Letters

To the Editor:

Many people have written or asked why we did not mount a defense at my trial. The simple fact and truth is that we didn't need to.

I was clearly proven not guilty on the proponderance of the evidence and sheer weight thereof [brought out] under cross examination. We did not need our own 23 witnesses. The corrupt and conspired verdict by the state in no way even closely represented the evidence, or the 3½ hours of printed evidence [entered into the court record], that the jury did not take the time to evaluate and read.

The 1½ hours [of] deliberation also included their hot lunches, bought by the state as well. Clearly, on the basis and merit of document 35G, "The Grossman Report," that jury was tampered with by the state. 35G is a valid document from the court system, giving power and authority for the AG to legally jury tamper in cases of high interest and/or likely loss of credibility. My case covered, in fact, both areas.

With the making public of the transcript, unaltered, of that trial you will all be made aware of my innocence and that the only guilty party in my case is clearly the corrupt AG's office.

No material [evidences] were established, and I [was] not even placed on the site of the suicide, at the time of death.

The reports you all read, heard, and saw on the media were censored and screened by the AG's office to prepare you for the untruthful verdict of the state. The courtroom was actually kept almost empty, and even the reporters almost all left prior to decisive witness testimony each day, some as much as three hours early.

This gross miscarriage of justice should not only be of concern to me but to all of you; you may be next on the hit list of the state as they play their evil deeds about. I realize nothing can be done, but you, my friends and neighbors, deserve the truth, and the right to know what really happened. Thank you.

Al H. Saunders

To the Editor:

I am responding to the letter Alfred Saunders had in The Citizen, Nov. 15. I'm sure to a man that's been lying about the whereabouts of his wife to their children, her friends, neighbors and her family for eight years, [he] didn't want to hear the words "guilty."

All the witnesses were sworn in under oath to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, and I'm sure all of us did.

All you read in the paper is poor Alfred. Poor, pitiful me—he didn't get his cookies, etc., etc. What about the hell Joan's children went through wondering where their mother was and when she was coming home to them?

What about all the lies Joan's family were told about her whereabouts?

Wake up, Alfred Saunders, you're the one who put yourself where you are—no one else. Face reality for once.

Marian Fifield

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A note from the publisher



day accounts for about 22.3 percent of the gross national product (GNP), about the same proportion as in 1980. Revenues, meanwhile, are 19 percent of GNP, the difference representing the massive deficit.

"Paradoxically, the government is finally taking in almost as much as it spends on federal programs and services. But the interest payments on the national debt, which has tripled under Reagan to \$2.8 trillion, keep the government in red. Interest is expected to total about \$163 billion in fiscal 1988, more than the deficit itself."

"When he launched his conservative supply side revolution, Reagan argued that lower taxes and less government spending would stimulate savings and investment and bring in more taxes revenues. That has not happened. National savings, which provide capital for individuals and businesses—to finance purchase of a house, for example, to expand a factory—have declined in the 1980s."

"The CBO calculates that the net domestic savings rate averaged about three percent in the years 1980-1987. That compares with eight in the 1960s and seven percent in the 1970s. Britain, France, West Germany, and other advanced industrial countries all have appreciably higher saving rates."

"With the domestic savings pool shrinking and government borrowing more to finance the deficits, less was available for productive business investment. Today, such investment is lower than when Reagan took office, although it is now edging upward. According to CBO figures, net business investment averaged 4.7 percent in 1980-87, compared with 6.9 percent in the 1970s and 7.1 percent in the '60s."

"Moreover, as the deficits and consumer borrowing pushed up interest rates, foreign investment poured in, drove up the value of the dollar, made U.S. goods more expensive overseas, and created a huge trade imbalance. Last year the trade deficit shot up to \$171 billion; in 1980 it was \$36 billion."

"More figures tell the story. According to the bipartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), government spending totaled \$591 billion in fiscal 1980. It reached more than \$1 trillion in fiscal 1988—an increase of more than 80 percent in eight years. Interest on the national debt rose from \$53 billion in fiscal 1980 to \$151 billion in fiscal 1988—a 185 percent increase. Defense spending grew from \$134 billion to \$250 billion, or 118 percent. Social security, medicare, and other mandatory programs increased from \$72 billion to an estimated \$148 billion, or 79 percent. Non-defense discretionary spending—Reagan's primary target—registered the smallest growth, increasing from \$157 billion in 1980 to an estimated \$178 billion in 1988, or 13.3 percent."

"So while Reagan slowed the rate of growth of government, government has not shrunk. [Government] spending to wit:

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Sen. Bill Cohen says...

Nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest. Luke 8:17

Recent reports about the nation's nuclear weapons production program have been nothing less than frightening. Newspapers and magazine headlines have declared everything from "Nuclear Scandal" and "Nuclear Peril" to "A Cloud of Fear and Anger." And my Senate colleague John Glenn has even charged the government with "poisoning its people with the name of national security."

This sudden outcry comes after revelations that for more than three decades the government has ignored serious safety problems at some of its most important nuclear weapons facilities. Determined to maintain an effective nuclear force, federal officials have commanded U.S. facilities to maximum production while paying little or no attention to significant environmental, health and safety concerns.

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Ski Association reports on impact of ski industry

The Ski Maine Association recently reported the impact of skiing on the Bethel area. The report, which follows, was written by Robin Zinchuck, of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The fact that we have Mt. Abram Ski Slopes, Sunday River Ski Resort, as well as several good nordic ski centers within our region makes us quite fortunate. The ski industry brings thousands of people and millions of dollars into the region each year. It provides more than 600 jobs seasonally, as well as nearly 175 year-round positions for folks of all ages, ranging from 16-65."

"Every business and every person in the area is affected somehow by the cash flow that is generated through the ski industry, from the employee that pumps gas to someone that knits at home and sells their products on the roadside. Our area is prosperous largely as a result of our ski areas' commitments to quality skiing and snowmaking, reasonable prices and friendly service. For these reasons, many folks are returning again and again, and some invest in the area by buying a second home, condominium or land for future building. The prosperity has encouraged entrepreneurs of all ages to start businesses as the demand increases. The Bethel Area Reservation Service, run by the Chamber of Commerce, was born out of this demand last year. These growing businesses provide regular paychecks for many local folks."

"The negative impact of increased traffic and crowded slopes is primarily on some of the local people's minds. But the fact that we have nearly zero unemployment, coupled with the fact that the skier (as well as the tourists in general) do eventually go home and leave some of their money behind, compensates for a few crowded weekends a year."

FROM THE BETHEL TOWN OFFICE

This week's column will focus upon the Planning Board's efforts in preparing a new private road standards ordinance and in making major revisions to the Site Plan Ordinance, the agreement on the Bird Hill Road improvements and the selectmen's reasons for holding a second public hearing on the Sudbury Inn's entertainment permit.

Both the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board have long been concerned about the condition of some of the private roads which have been constructed within approved subdivisions. These roads are often impassable for emergency vehicles and would be a financial burden upon the town if we were ever forced to take them over.

At the recommendation of the Planning Board, the selectmen established a Roads Study Committee as a subcommittee of the Planning Board and charged the committee with developing standards for private roads in subdivisions and in other developments. Appointed to the subcommittee were Planning Board members Sumner Burgess and Patricia Hudon, public works foreman Robert Pilgrim, Selectman Arthur Gilbert and John Gray, Jack Greig and Billy Stowell as large members. The subcommittee's efforts have resulted in a Private Road Design and Construction Standards Ordinance. After holding a public hearing on the ordinance, the ordinance will be submitted to a special Town Meeting for action. A special appreciation is extended to Sumner Burgess who chaired the subcommittee and who did an excellent job of ensuring that the project kept on track and a final product was produced, and to Billy Stowell whose technical expertise and drawings were very helpful in understanding the technical parts of the proposed private roads ordinance. His drawings are included in the ordinance.

After having gained a year's experience in working with the Site Plan Ordinance, the Planning Board appointed a subcommittee of the Board (last summer) to study the Site Plan Ordinance and to make recommended changes. The subcommittee consisted of board members Deborah Dohmann and Donna Rennington. Planning assistant Veronica Smith served as technical advisor to the subcommittee.

Consider this fact: turnout in general elections has declined by 20 percent since 1960—despite a growing population. The present level of voter participation is only 50 percent of citizens of voting age. This is the lowest rate of participation of any western democracy.

Well, Bush said he wanted to keep us number one. And we certainly are number one when it comes to a lack of concern for picking our officials. It bespeaks both a lack of education and a feeling of estrangement from the political process. Both could easily lead to acceptance of fascism.

And speaking of the president-elect, The New Yorker magazine commented editorially that the country is already, as Bush promised, a kinder, gentler nation. The change came about, according to The New Yorker, as soon as Bush stopped campaigning.

No matter whom you voted for in the election, it's clear that the system of American democracy was among the losers.

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After having gained a year's experience in working with the Site Plan Ordinance, the Planning Board appointed a subcommittee of the Board last summer to study the Site Plan Ordinance and to make recommended changes. The subcommittee consisted of members Deborah Dohrmann and Anna Remington. Planning assistant Monica Smith served as technical advisor to the subcommittee. The recommended changes were submitted to the full board, where further discussions were made. The final draft has been prepared and has been reviewed by selectmen. Next steps include holding a public hearing on the proposed changes to the ordinance and submitting the changes to a special Town Meeting for action.

undertaking this major review of the plan ordinance the most difficult task the board had to deal with was the initiation of a change-of-use. Hopefully adding the word "substantial" before change-of-use and by providing for an optional pre-application meeting and allowing for the presentation of a sketch plan meeting some of the previous problems can be eliminated.

Recently the Planning Board approved a 13-lot subdivision off the Bird Hill Road. As a part of the approval process officials successfully negotiated an agreement with developer Robert Bahre. His representative Bob Faunce, the developer will make improvements to the Bird Hill Road.

Under the agreement the developer will use his heavy equipment to widen the road to 20 feet, with two-foot shoulders at each side, construct a 12-inch roadway base, and install three 18-inch curbs. The road-widening effort will ensure that the developer blast some of the public's concerns about the road's width. The town obtained an irrevocable letter of credit from the developer's bank in an amount to cover the entire cost of the project.

Not only does this joint agreement address the public's concerns about the width of the Bird Hill Road but it will enable us to make major improvements to a road which is slated for future development and which otherwise would not have been improved by the town because of a lack of money and resources.

The question has been asked of the Selectmen as to why a second public hearing was held on the Sudbury Inn's entertainment permit application when they denied the permit at the first public hearing. The applicant's attorney stated after the first public hearing, Section 201 of the Special Amusement Permit Regulation states that the Selectmen shall, prior to granting a permit and after reasonable notice to the applicant, hold a public hearing" (the permit application). He felt that if he did not receive a letter notifying him of the hearing he did not receive reasonable notice (the notice was issued in the Bethel Citizen).

What constituted reasonable notice was at issue here, the town contacted the Maine Municipal Association Attorney Richard Flewelling for advice on reviewing the circumstances surrounding the denial of the permit. Attorney Flewelling noted that it was reasonable to believe that the applicant did not receive reasonable notice of the hearing. For this reason it would be inappropriate for the selectmen to consider the application and hold another public hearing on the permit application. This time, the applicant was given a certified letter notifying him of the hearing.

Dealing with all of the parties involved in the renewal of the Sudbury's entertainment permit, the selectmen have to be fair, reasonable and impartial.

Sen. Mitchell says...

Americans recently voted to fill the highest office in the nation and to select the 101st Congress.

Despite the fact that candidates for all offices spent many months offering their views, often in vigorous disagreement, when the people have voted, the verdict of the majority stands. Once a president is elected, he is the president of all Americans, not only those who were his strong supporters.

Such a transfer of power, in the most powerful office in the world, is testimony to the strength of our democratic traditions and is a vital element of stability for the whole world. We Americans would do well to remember how unusual and how very valuable this aspect of our quadrennial elections really is.

On Nov. 8 the electorate also expressed its preference for the United States Congress, and although it entrusted one party with the presidency, it gave the other a decisive vote of confidence as well.

The election is over, but its impact has not yet begun. Americans like and trust the system of checks and balances. They want a strong Executive Branch—and our Constitutional system guarantees that. But they also want to be certain that the views of both major parties are strongly represented in the debates and deliberations that will forge our policies in the coming years.

President-elect Bush has said he wants to work with the Congress to develop a program for the years ahead. That program must take into account many issues, not all of which received the kind of spirited debate in the election campaign that might have clarified people's choices. So that debate will take place next year.

On the environment, there is broad agreement that problems neglected for too many years must now be approached on a priority basis. I believe we must take immediate steps to enact legislation to control acid rain and other sources of air pollution.

On health care, I believe we face two immediate and important problems. One is the problem of developing a system for long-term nursing care for the elderly which is affordable and effective. The other is to provide health insurance protection for the 37 million people among us who have no such coverage today.

In education, we have to begin to respond to the diagnosed problems our system faces; that will require both leadership from Washington and resources for the teachers, the equipment and the programs that can rebuild our schools as learning environments for every American child.

After almost eight years of steady reductions in affordable housing, and with the increased price of first homes moving beyond the reach of young couples and families, we have to recognize that a national housing policy is not a luxury but an essential element of the kind of society we want our children to inherit.

And, of course, the twin deficits face every policy maker in Washington. We must reverse the trade deficit which threatens our future as well as draining our present wealth. And we absolutely must overcome the inertia in dealing with the fiscal deficit.

Because these are not easy or cheaply resolved problems, dealing with them fairly and thoughtfully will require our best efforts and judgement. I welcome the views of Maine people as we strive to develop responses to them.

CANDIDATES NAMED FOR ASC

The slate of nominees for the upcoming ASC Committee election in Oxford County was announced this week by ASC Committee Chairman Lester Bailey.

The candidates for this year's election are Kenneth Cooper, Ole Olson, James Shaw, Roger Smedsrød and Philip Trundy. They represent the towns of Buckfield, Hinsdale, Hebron, Otisfield, Oxford, South Paris, Sumner and West Paris.

The ASC Committee election will be conducted by mail from Nov. 23 to Dec. 5. Eligible voters will receive a secret ballot in the mail with instructions on how to vote.

Because our personal property appraiser has not been able to do the personal property assessments until now, and because further work still needs to be done on the assessment cards as a result of the recent revaluation work, the tax bills will not be out until around Dec. 15 or later. In order to get the assessment cards in shape and to get the tax bills out, Town Office staff personnel Merton Brown, Nesta Littlefield and Sandy Pond have been working late in the evening—until as late as 11 p.m. However, the town will accept any estimated prepayments on Fiscal Year '89 July 1, 1988-June 30, 1989 tax bills.

Between Oct. 30 and Nov. 11 I was away on my annual two-week Naval Reserve Training duty in Little Creek, Va., where I attended an outstanding two-week leadership and management school taught by two top-notch Navy chiefs. The course was developed by private behavioral scientists under a contract to the Navy and was quite applicable to my job as a town manager. If I had taken this course on the outside it would have cost \$2,200. A lot of the material and lectures were similar to the courses taught by NTL in Bethel.

Also, while in Little Creek, I had the opportunity to visit the monument dedicated to the Navy River Patrol Boat sailors and their supporting personnel who were killed in Vietnam. The names, units and places of operation brought back old memories of 19-20 years ago when I served with a river boat support detachment in the Mekong Delta.

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, town employees and myself, I wish to extend to you and your family a happy and plentiful Thanksgiving.

Rodney C. Lynch
Town Manager

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gated that the job had become too large for one person to handle.

They cited problems with getting hold of Mr. Timberlake when he was needed for urgent matters, of waiting long periods of time to have him deal with alleged violations, of not showing up for appointments, and of a chronic lack of written responses and documentation.

"I believe he is too overworked," said Greenwood Selectman Herb Dunham. "We need a local person with more time. ... I don't think we can put this off."

In concurring, Mr. Hooper noted: "If we can do this collectively, we'll be in a much better situation."

It was agreed that the selectmen from the two towns will meet again to discuss the matter, and to study the feasibility of hiring a constable for the towns.

The need for a constable is less pressing than the need for firm code enforcement, Mr. Hooper conceded, "but it doesn't do any good to wait two years when you can see the problem coming now."

The participants also agreed to look into the possibility of constituting an area Board of Appeals, to take the place of the county commissioners on tax abatement matters.

"The county commissioners have no knowledge of the values in this area," Mr. Dunham contended. "It's all political."

Referring to the recent abatement granted by the commissioners to Stowell Products Inc. (which Woodstock is appealing), Mr. Hooper warned his colleagues: "Don't go to the county commissioners—you'll get the same shelling back we did."

Also on the agenda was an item calling for "open discussion concerning any problems with the school district." The ensuing discussion, which was lengthy, focused on the cost of operating SAD #4, the quality of education the students are receiving, and the lack of citizen control over the district.

Referring to the increasing SAD #4 budgets, Mr. Hooper characterized the district as "an unbridled horse running down the road," while Mr. Dunham claimed school expenses have grown out of proportion to the ability of the local economy to support them. "I hope the people of Greenwood will smarten the hell up and vote the next budget down. They've got to show up [at the district budget meeting] and vote."

Others, however, argued that while costs were high, the real problem was with the quality of the education children in the district receive.

"I think we're missing the whole point," said Greenwood Planning Board Member Gloria Redman. "It's the children who get out of there and can't read or write, and who won't be able to earn a living."

Marie Bartlett, chairwoman of the Greenwood Board of Selectmen, said she had often heard from parents and businesspeople about the poor reading skills of Telstar graduates, but the reality of the problem only came home to her in a recent encounter with a graduate who was unable to read or understand a very simple, fairly common word.

"I realized then that the people who were complaining were not idle people making idle complaints," she said later. "You really don't appreciate the seriousness of the problem until you encounter it first-hand."

Participants also expressed concern that SAD #4 residents don't turn up at school board meetings or budget meetings to make their opinions known. But many participants then acknowledged that they seldom, if ever, attend such meetings themselves.

This lack of participation contrasts sharply with the district's ability to turn out voters to pass budget increases. "Every time there's another position created, there's another spouse and more leverage," Mr. Hooper complained.

Noting that when Greenwood or Woodstock real estate is advertised in The Citizen and elsewhere, it is always described as "in the Bethel area," he said: "I'm sick and tired of hearing the Bethel area." They only want us when they can advertise our lakes."

"It shouldn't have to be like that," he said. "It just seems too bad that in the final analysis it's always the selectmen who have the burden of rallying against the damn budget increases. It would behove the school board to say: 'Wait a minute. Who the hell's in charge here?'

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The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is really the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, participants agreed, and it is committed to promoting business and development—something many residents of the smaller towns are ambivalent about.

Mr. Dunham complained that in addition to raising land values and taxes often beyond the means of local residents—such development was also eroding the smaller towns' sense of community and identity.

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late at night. It sounds like it's coming from our own building."

Gould Academy Headmaster Bill Clough, who had heard from a number of his staff about the loud music, wrote, "I wish to go on record as opposed to any business having the right to disturb families in their homes during hours normally considered sleeping hours, and I suggest that permission to the Backstage Restaurant to continue this kind of disturbance be reconsidered and curtailed."

The Backstage also had its defenders, however. Among them was Bob Saunders, who had been the harshest critic of the Sudbury Inn's music. Mr. Saunders said, "Harry [Faulkner]... generally has a good and orderly place."

Sandra Gunther, whose mother lives next to the restaurant, said her mother is not bothered by the music at all, although she is sometimes bothered by patrons leaving in their cars.

Co-owner Harry Faulkner told the board that he had worked hard to make the restaurant a part of the community, providing chemical-free dances for students, a meeting place for senior citizens, etc. He said he has insulated the walls with sound-dampening material and was unaware that his music was disturbing some neighbors. He said the complaints first started after the Sudbury lost its permit. He told the selectmen the entertainment permit was basic to his business. "We cannot survive without our entertainment permit."

Brian Strickland, who has done electrical work in the restaurant, confirmed the statement on insulation. "The insulation is there." And Phil Rolfe praised the restaurant and its management. "Bethel needs the Backstage. Harry is an excellent businessman, and I think he'll solve it [the problem of noise]."

Jeri Brooks also had praise for the restaurant and for Mr. Faulkner. He follows the laws scrupulously, she said, and he helps senior citizens and youth, and in general does a lot for Bethel.

Jan Baker, who lives on Elm Street, and was one of those disturbed by the music, wrote, "It is not my intention to jeopardize Mr. Faulkner's business. It is my hope that the people of Greenwood will smarten the hell up and vote the next budget down. They've got to show up [at the district budget meeting] and vote."

Selectwoman Pat Doonan expressed a similar sentiment: "The board doesn't want to shut any business down."

The board was hopeful that with an ordinance setting permissible noise levels, neighbors and entertainment spots would be better able to coexist. By a 5-0 vote the selectmen approved the renewal of the Backstage's permit—with the proviso that when the noise ordinance was passed the permit would be limited by that ordinance.

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THESE BOYS AND GIRLS were the first ones to receive their uniforms after successfully completing the basic entrance requirements in the Awana program at Pleasant Valley Bible Church. They are, left to right, Meghan McVey, Brandi Brooks, Wade Luxton and Brian Inman. Also receiving uniforms but not in the picture, were Teri Chadbourne and Nathan McVey.

Photo by Debbie Couston



AWANA LEADERS at the Pleasant Valley Bible Church receiving awards for the completion of the leadership program were, left to right, front row: Rick McVey, Dick Farren, Mike Inman, Brooks Morton; back row: Jeri Tate, Deb Luxton, Marc McVey, Jamie Inman and Kathi Jo Farren.

Gould and Sunday River to co-host racing camp

Gould Academy and Sunday River Skway will host the eighth annual PINECAMP Sunday River Race Camp, Dec. 1-10.

The camp provides serious junior racers with the opportunity to train on snow early in the season under the direction of state and eastern level coaches. Sunday River Skway has top-notch snowmaking capabilities that have earned it a reputation for high-quality early season snow. Sunday River Skway is an official training site for the U.S. Alpine Ski Team.

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By CONSTANCE BROADBENT

Dear John:

Sorry to say, we won't be able to make it down to Plymouth for your grand feast, tomorrow. We've been having trouble with our "tempusnobile" ... something to do with the "trans-er conveyor," they say. "Rats," I say. We were really looking forward (backward) to seeing all of you again. It seems like ages since we've been together, and there's so much to talk about!

I understand that your little settlement is thriving. That's good to hear. And, I'm told that you've really learned a lot from those natives who live nearby. It's a good thing that they were there ahead of us; you may not have survived without their help. For that you must be thankful.

Tomorrow, As we sit down to a feast much like yours, we will take some time to contemplate our cornucopia:

- We are blessed to be living in an area where the wonders of nature surround us and fill us with awe;

- We are blessed with neighbors and friends who have opened their doors and their hearts to us;

- We are blessed with family and friends in far off places who make regular visits to keep us happy;

- We are blessed to have found "natives" to teach us their ways, to trust us with their secrets, to share with us their bounty;

- We are blessed with time to share our knowledge and our talents with others in the community;

- We are blessed to be able to share our joy and our pain with others in search of serenity;

- We are blessed with sons who love us as we love them... unconditionally and for life.

As you can see, John, the setting may be altered a bit, but the blessings are similar. Our friends and relatives are not across the ocean, just across a border or two; our "natives" don't wear buckskins or feathered hats, just blue jeans and visored caps. The caring and the sharing are the same.

The folks of our village will sit down to a Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow in the tradition that started in our village. They'll dish up turkey and trimmings and talk of this year's harvest and next year's hopes. They'll give thanks for their fortunes and sing praise to their progress. They'll mend breaches, mourn losses, welcome newcomers, as they join hands in a circle of love.

At our house, we will welcome old loves and old friends, new loves and new

Blood drive Monday at Congregational Church

By MARTA CLEMENTS

The Bethel Area Health Center is sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive this year. Volunteers will be calling those people who have previously donated for purposes of setting up appointments.

This year the drive will be held on Nov. 28, from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m., at the West Parish Congregational Church, on Church Street in Bethel.

A lot of misinformation seems to be prevalent regarding donating blood and contracting AIDS, according to the Bethel Area Health Center. Officials there say AIDS cannot be acquired by donating blood. All equipment that is used to draw blood is sterile and non-reusable, including the needles. The site on the skin from which blood is drawn is thoroughly cleansed by staff who draw blood only from healthy volunteer donors.

What good is a blood donor? health center officials ask.

"A blood" donor is good for: new mothers needing a transfusion; people who go through windshields; somebody with leukemia; people being operated on; hemophiliacs so they can stay healthy as possible; someone undergoing dialysis while awaiting a kidney transplant; people who are badly burned; cancer patients; people having open heart surgery; anybody any age with bleeding ulcers; the very tired with severe anemia; people who are in a lot worse shape than most people you know. A blood donor is good for life."

EXCHANGE MINISTER

AT BRYANT POND CHURCH

Rev. David Armstrong will be exchanging pulpits on Sunday, Nov. 27. He will be traveling to Westbrook, and Rev. Joseph Majeau will be in Bryant Pond and South Paris. Rev. Majeau serves the Unitarian Universalist Church in Westbrook, as does Rev. Armstrong serve Bryant Pond, South Paris and Norway.

The service will begin at 9 a.m. Religious education for children will be provided. A coffee hour will be held following the service.

friends. We'll miss seeing you and the others, but we'll be thinking of you as we celebrate life and give thanks.

Best regards to Priscilla and Myles.

"How" to Samoset.

Love, C.B.

Agnes Gray School

By MARTA CLEMENTS

The First Graders will be presenting their play "The first Thanksgiving" on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the Legion Memorial School. Songs that will be sung are: "Picture talk," "Over the river and through the woods" and "Come ye thankful people come." The Indians will present the Indian Spirit Dance. The cast is made up of Indians: Bryan Martin, Heather Theofrastan, Terrance Weston, Rebecca Chase and Walter Inman. The Pilgrims are: Matthew Blake, Holly Gravier, Joel Martino, Jessica Skinner, Aaron Cox and Nathan Hutchins. The modern day children are: Lindsay Newell, Misty Coffin, Jessica Farrar, Monica Russell, Eric Thorpe and Melissa Martin.

Grades K-3 attended the Kinderkonzert at the Guy E. Rowe School in Norway this past Friday. This annual event provides a variety of musical experiences for all young children in our district.

Candace Campbell is the student of the week for Grade 2. She has invited her mother to be her special guest.

The artist of the week is a Fourth Grader, Amey Coffin. She was chosen for her water color painting in perspective.

We don't want to rush the season, but we are looking forward to Dec. 12 when Mr. and Mrs. Fish will visit our school again with their entertainment and educational presentation on ocean life. They will begin their day with an assembly for all grades. Then they will present workshops in individual classrooms for the remainder of the time. This is their fourth trip to West Paris and they truly are back by popular demand!

Parents, don't let the Thanksgiving holiday make you forget about conferences on Nov. 28. Book fair, t-shirts and sweatshirts, lost and found are on the agenda, before and after conferences!

Enjoy the holidays.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE TONIGHT IN BETHEL

A service of Thanksgiving, to which the whole Bethel community is invited, will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church.

This service, sponsored by the Bethel Area Clergy Association, will be led by representatives from several churches. Those who wish to sing in a choir may come to the church at 6:15 to rehearse.

A time of fellowship will follow the service.

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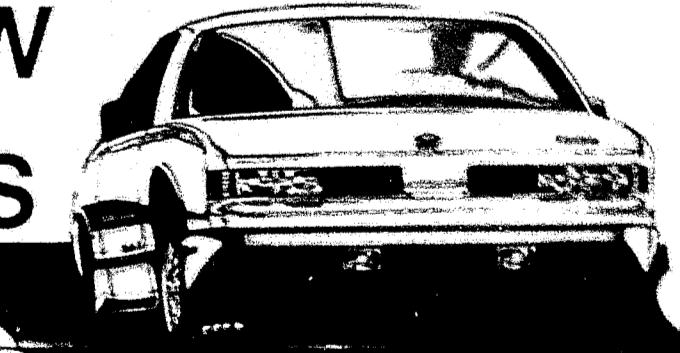
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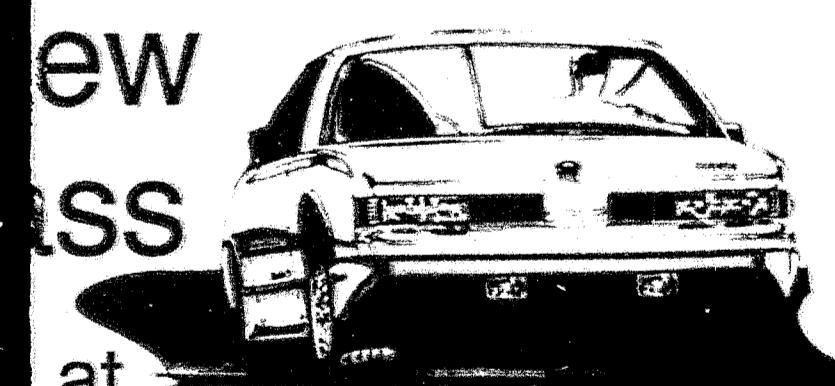
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(4)	Monitor	Oasis	Silent Hunter	Beyond 2000			Roaming Wild and Free	Thompson	Adventure	
(5)	Movie	"It's a Wonderful Life"					Music Box	700 Club	Remington Steele	
6	Cosby	Family Ties	Cosby	Dif. World	Cheers	Dear John	L.A. Law	News	Tonight	
8	Affair	Kate & Allie	Movies: "Mary Poppins"				News	Nightline		
10	MacNeil/Lehrer	Mainewatch	Maine	Mystery'			South American Journey	Never the	R. Perrin	
(11)	E/R	Easy Street	Cagney & Lacey	Side by Side True Story of Osmond Family			Cagney & Lacey			
(12)	Merle Haggard	Nashville Now		New City	Crook	VideoCity	Be a Star	Amer. Mag.		
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(20G)	Brunn	NHL Hockey	Philadelphia Flyers at Boston Bruins		Fishing	Sportfishing	Hockey			
(21H)	SportsCtr.	Scholastic	College Football	Texas A&M at Texas		NFL	SportsCtr.			
(22I)	A. Griffith	Sanford	Movies: Northwest Passage				Movies: "Spencer's Mountain"			
(24K)	Can't-TV	Dou. Dare	Mister Ed	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	Car 54
(26M)	Dennis the Menace	Movies: "The Spirit of St. Louis"								
(27N)	Chronicle	Survival	Edge	Durrell	Movies: Ada		Good/Cafe	Comedy		
(29P)	Movie	The Karate Kid	Cont'd		Movies: "Suspect"		Inside the NFL			
(31R)	Movie	"Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"	Movies: "New World"		Ozzie	Mrs. Muir				
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	Untouchables	Untouchables	News	Benny Hill	Downey			
(34U)	Cheers	Night Court	Movies: "A Day for Thanks on Walton's Mountain"		INN News	Cheers	Hill Street			

FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 25, 1988

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Monitor	Year of Bull	Death Smiles	Yesteryear	Cities	Ark On The	Al Oeming			
(5)	Movie	"Meet John Doe"		Campbell's	700 Club	Remington Steele				
6	Cosby	Family Ties	Something Is Out There	Movies: "The Incredible Hulk Returns"						
8	Affair	Kate & Allie	Strangers	FBI House	Belvedere	Ten of Us	20/20	News	Nightline	
10	MacNeil/Lehrer	Wash. Wk. Wall St.	Great Performances		Gods Light	Never the	Stress			
(11)	E/R	Easy Street	Cagney & Lacey	Movies: "Long Time Gone"	Cagney & Lacey					
(12)	Crook	VideoCity	Nashville Now	Country	Miss USA/USO Tour	Be a Star	Amer. Mag.			
13	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Beauty and the Beast	Circus of the Stars	News	Gunsmoke				
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Movies: "Lord of the Rings"		INN News	Cheers	H. mooner			
(18E)	The Gate	Cont'd	Movies: "Cat's Eye"	Return of the Living Dead Part II	Movies: "Fatal Beauty"					
(20G)	Raynham	WWF Wrestling		Tucker Anthony Golf	Candid Camera	Bowling				
(21H)	Basketball	Oka. vs. Chio. St. Maui Classic	College Basketball	Big Apple NIT	SportsCtr.	Basketball				
(22I)	A. Griffith	Sanford	NBA Basketball	Atlanta Hawks at Dallas Mavericks	Ins. NBA	Movies: Nevada Smith				
(24K)	Can't-TV	Dou. Dare	Mister Ed	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	Car 54
(26M)	Miami Vice	Murder, She Wrote	Movies: "Robinson Crusoe on Mars"				Fantastic Planet			
(27N)	Chronicle	Survival	20th Cent. Vic. at Sea	Movies: "Fear Is the Key"			Evening at the Improv			
(29P)	Inside the NFL	Movies: "Steel Dawn"		Movies: "The Running Man"						
(31R)	Movie	"The Happiest Millionaire"		Movies: "Top Hat"						
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	Movies: "The Pirates of Penzance"		News	Benny Hill	Downey			
(34U)	Cheers	Night Court	Movies: "Flash Gordon"		INN News	Cheers	Hill Street			

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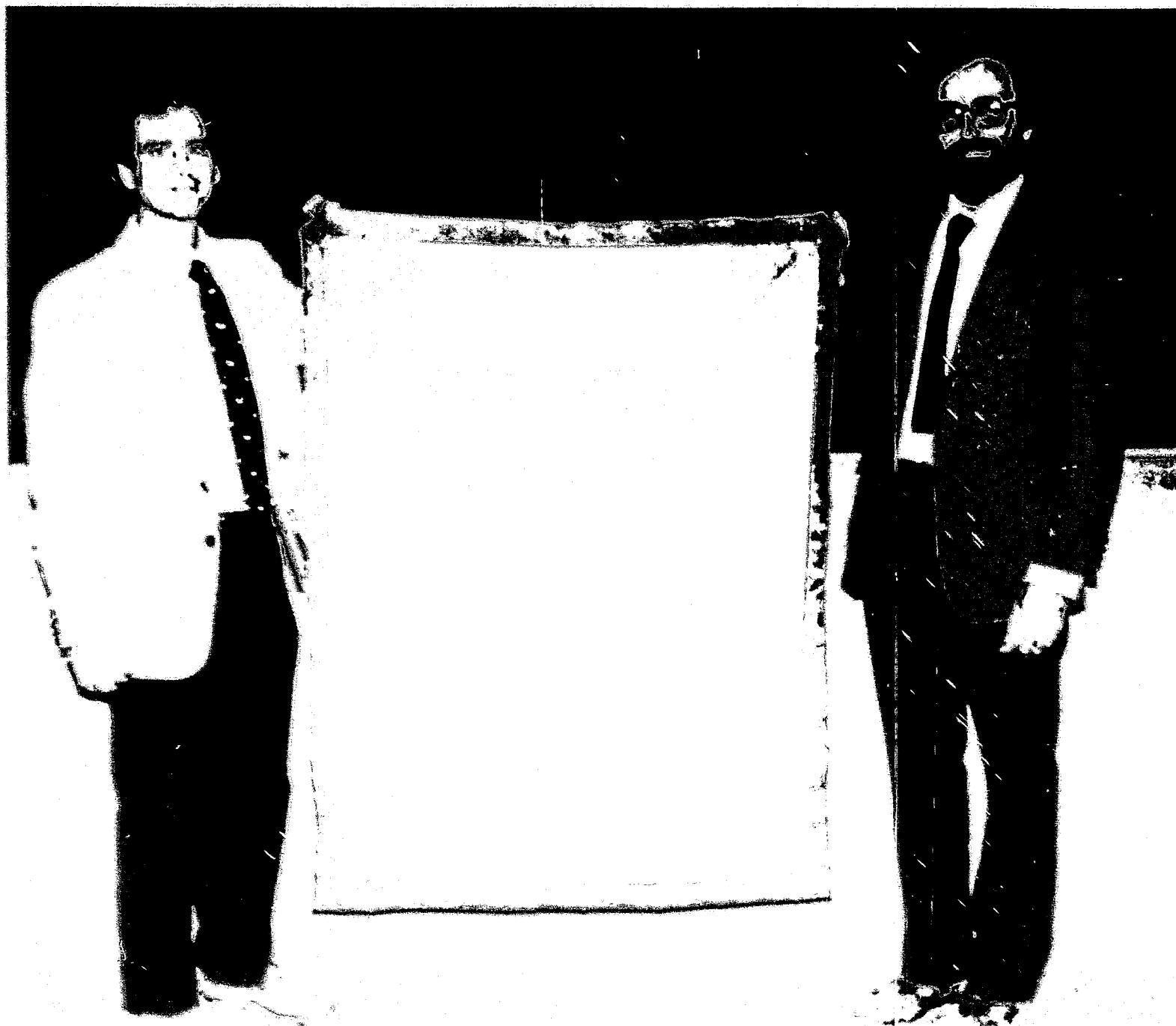
SATURDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 26, 1988

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Driven	D. Sullivan	Tigers-Sails	Festivals	Festivals	Underwater	Paradise	Animals	Animals	
(5)	Rin Tin Tin	Crossbow	Movie: "Operation Pacific"			Remington Steele	Rin Tin Tin	Crossbow		
6	3's Co.	Family Ties	227	Amer.	Gold, Girls	Empty Nest	Hunter	News	Main Event	
8	Star Search		Winnie the Pooh		Police Story				Nightmare	
10	Ramona	Maine	WonderWorks	Circles	Patrick	Doctor Who				
11	Movie: "The Swarm"			Leg Work	Cagney & Lacey	Lady Blue				
12	Kitchen	Rock	Backstage	Grand Opry	Miss USA/USO Tour	Kitchen	Wish Here	Wk./Music	Rock	
13	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Miranda	NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Lakers at Detroit Pistons		News	Lifestyles		
(16C)	Star Trek: Next Gen.		War of the Worlds	Fri. the 13th Series	Monsters	INN News	Darkside	Dog Day		
(18E)	"The Color Purple"		Movie: "Someone to Watch Over Me"		Movie: "Survival Game"					
(20G)	NHL Hockey	Chicago Blackhawks at Boston Bruins			College Football: Arizona State at Arizona					
(21H)	SportsCtr.	Scholastic	College Football	Texas A&M at Texas		Scoreboard	SportsCtr.	Basketball		
(22I)	Scoreboard	College Football	Florida at Florida State							
(24K)	Championship	Wrestling	Movie: "Where Eagles Dare"				Night Tracks			
(26M)	Gadget	Duckula	Mister Ed	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	Car 54
(28)	Miami Vice		Movie: "It's Alive"		Hitchcock	Bradbury	Movie: "Shame"			
(27N)	Survival	Secrets	Living Dangerously	Shortstories	Mrs. Simpson		Why We Fight			
(29P)	"Teen Wolf"	Cont'd	Movie: "La Bamba"		On Location: Goldinwait					
(31R)	Movie: "Pinocchio"		Wonderland	Movie: "Bonanza: The Next Generation"			Yellowstone			
(32S)	It's a Living	Mama	Kolchak, Stalkr.	Kolchak, Stalkr.	News	B. Miller	Nightmare			
(34U)	The Sheriff	Benson	Movie: "Rio Grande"		News	INN News	Darkside	Raging Bull		

SUNDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 27, 1988

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30

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ANN ROY, mother of soccer player Rick Roy, made this quilt commemorating the MVC championship season of the 1988 Telstar soccer team. Proudly displaying the quilt—which was signed by all the team members—are assistant coach Charlie Raymond and head coach Bob Remington. It was the first league championship ever won by a Telstar soccer team.



SOCER COACH BOB REMINGTON presented awards to the above members of the 1988 championship squad for their record-setting performances during their careers at Telstar. The players, left to right, and their records, are: Jim Merrill (most periods played—119), Nathan Bean (most shutouts—15), Gary Williamson (12th player record), Brant Remington (tie with Bruce Barth for most goals scored—29), Rick Roy (most throw-ins—540).

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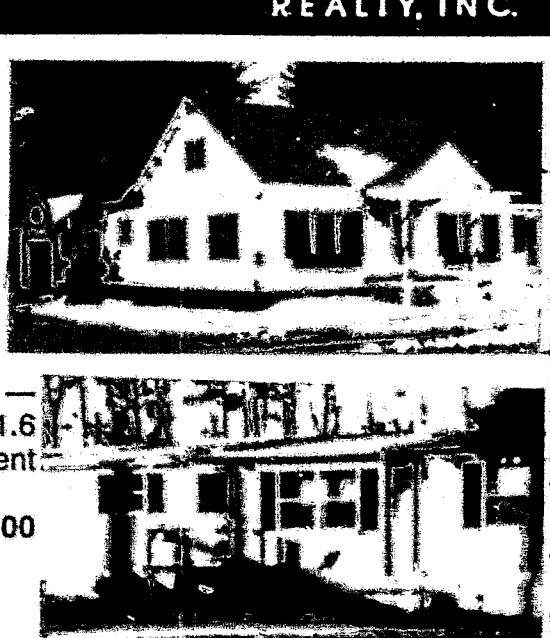
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From the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

The regular monthly Board of Directors meeting of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce was held Thursday, Nov. 10, in the meeting room of the Casco Northern Bank with 15 attendees.

A number of board members indicated varying degrees of success with the present ongoing membership campaign. The Community Relations Committee advised that the regions information booklet has been typeset by a local printer and the project is approaching completion.

Planning for Winter Wonderland Week, scheduled for Feb. 5-11, now includes the popular dog sled races which are set for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12. A February Fun Committee is investigating possibilities of providing worthwhile activities for the young in our area during the February school vacation period.

It was also announced that the Chamber is presently seeking approval for a grant from the Maine Tourism Partnership Program. If our application is approved, we will be required to provide matching funds. We should have a decision in February 1989.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the Casco Northern Bank of Bethel.

It's that time again—when we all feel like getting into the holiday spirit. The Chamber invites you to participate in this year's Christmas decorating contest for businesses and residences in the SAD #4 area.

There will be two winners picked in both the business and residence category, based on overall appeal. The judging will be done the week prior to Christmas, exact date and time to be announced. The prize will be a fun filled evening—to be held sometime in early January. To enter please call the Chamber office at 824-2282 by Thursday, Dec. 15.

All are invited to come to the annual lighting of the Bethel Community Christmas Tree on Sunday evening, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. We also invite families and individuals who would like to make decorations appropriate for that tree (and will withstand the weather) to bring them that night to put them on.

Santa will be there to greet children of all ages with goodies and will lead us in Christmas carols. Please come to this event, sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Buckfield Nov. 15.

Four more chairs have been purchased for the Auxiliary Room.

A plant was sent to the Marketplace for their anniversary. Decorations were discussed for the luncheon for retired teachers Nov. 19. The mystery package was won by Kathleen McAllister. The meeting closed with a prayer.

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TELSTAR PRINCIPAL TED DAVIS was happy to receive the Mountain Conference championship plaque from soccer team co-captains Jim and Tom James at last Tuesday's sports awards ceremony. Not only did the team win the conference championship, they set a new school record for the number of goals scored in a season (62), and they had four named to the conference's all-star team—more than any other school's all-star players are Jim Merrill, Rick Roy, Brant Remington and Gre-

Andover East Andover
By HELEN SALWAY

to see how he has been doing.
Mrs. Madeline Abbott of Auburn, formerly of Andover, looking forward to joining her Thanksgiving weather person at her childhood home, the Auburn East Runway.

Sylvanus Glover rode down with Harold and Molly Glover on a plane bound for England. Our sympathy goes out to Buster Marston who passed recently.

Our condolences also to Sylvanus Glover on the passing of his mother of many years. Many would hang out his window watching the world pass by. Around the yard would occasionally him to a near neighbor or to the house to check out the birds the birds would hop around his pecking away. Occasionally near travelers' horns beeping, he would pop out and say "Hello".

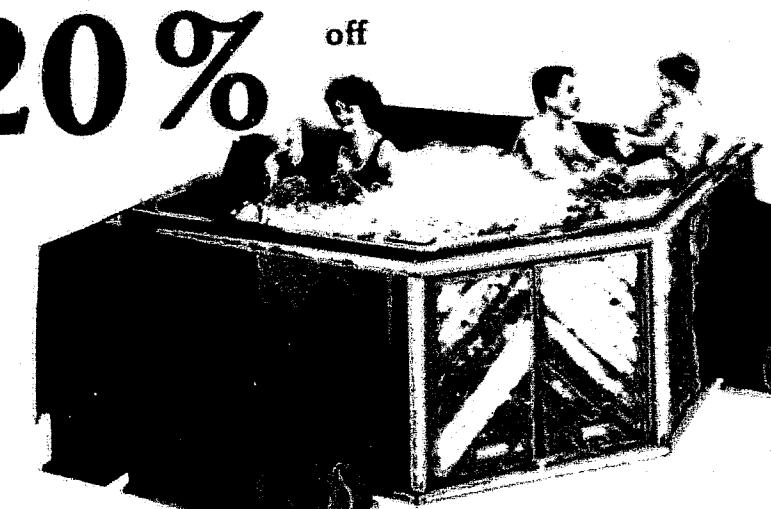
Alfred Learned has been home from the hospital for two weeks and is doing nicely. His daughter Norma from Livermore Falls stayed for a week. Also visiting were Aunt Ruth from Glen, N.H. The boys Harold, Kenny and Rodney have been coming up on weekends to put in wood and doing all the chores before winter sets in. Sylvanus Glover and Mert Perkins have been "running" in regularly more as he passed quietly away.

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ROTARY CLUB NOTES

At the club's Tuesday morning breakfast meeting, held at The Bethel Inn, the winners in the club's 50/50 raffle were announced: Paul Bray, of West Peru, won \$40; Nancy Wight, of Newry, won \$30; Doreen Johnson, of Bryant Pond, won \$20; Romeo Baker, of Newry, won \$20; Chris Powell, of Hanover, won \$10. The club made \$500 for its community service projects.

The club also netted \$700 from last Sunday's pancake breakfast, held at Gould Academy. The chairman of the pancake breakfast committee, Bruce Powell, expressed the club's thanks to Gould and to the food service manager.

Rotarian David Murphy announced a Toys for Santa program in order to help needy families provide toys for their children at Christmas. Donations of new toys, or cash, will be accepted in this drive, Mr. Murphy said.

The speaker at the meeting was Patty Parsons, of West Bethel, who spoke about her growing company, Ta-Ka-Radi Tiles. Ta-Ka-Radi is a game made up of wooden blocks. The object of the game is to stack the blocks up in tiers, and then one by one, remove blocks on the lower tiers and build new, higher tiers with them. Skillful players can keep the Ta-Ka-Radi tower growing for hours before it collapses.

Mrs. Parsons, who managers the company along with her husband Jeff, said they started selling the games in 1979 after beginning by making them only as Christmas gifts for friends. As recently as 1985 they sold only 4,500 games annually. But then, after being listed in the Lands End catalog, sales shot up. In 1987 they sold 20,000 games. Then they were listed in the L.L. Bean catalogue and this year they have already sold 32,000 games.

The game, Mrs. Parsons said, originated in Ghana. The Parsons first noticed it in the town of Ta-Ka-Radi in Ghana—hence the name. Since they succeeded in popularizing it in this country, a number of imitators have come out of the market, she said.

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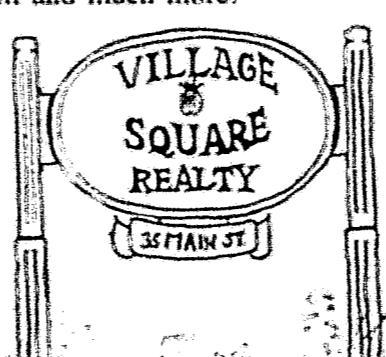
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AT THE TELSTAR SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY last Tuesday night, cross-country coach John Applin named Brenda Taylor the outstanding girl runner and Nathan Misericordia the outstanding boy runner. Kelly Hayes was given the Coach's Award. The squad finished the season with over a .500 record.

EBS/CPS Kids' World

By DONNA A. RICHARD

Every student in Mrs. Coolidge's Second Grade class got a perfect score on their Lesson 10 spelling test. That's quite an accomplishment and the students are all commended for their hard work!

Terri Chaubourne, a student in Ms. Merrill's Third Grade class, recently brought a friend from the Soviet Union to visit the school. His name is Valarie Koschanski and during his visit he was able to talk to all the Third Grade classes about his country. Children learned that Russian schools are different from ours. Russian students go to school six days a week for five to seven hours. Kindergarten is separate from the other grades and not everyone is allowed to go to school there. Val taught the students some Russian words: Dubroje ultra means good morning, Spusibo means thank you. All students enjoyed Val's visit.

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THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS FOOD SALE, held at the Bethel Savings Bank Friday, was a big success, thanks to the efforts of many parents and students, including Alison Chapman and John Eliot.

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By AMY HANSCOM

The Ladies Circle met Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Louise Tetley, Gilberte Seeley led the devotions for the hostess. President Olive Anderson opened the meeting. Secretary-treasurer, Freda Robertson, took the roll call and read the minutes of the last meeting, which were accepted. There were seven members present. There were no bills to be paid and no correspondence. The ladies signed a get well card to Bernard Powers. The treasurer gave the treasurer's report. Plans were finalized for the food sale which was held Nov. 18 at the Bethel IGA. Sylvia Gray and Gilberte Seeley made and distributed posters. Louise Tetley solicited contributions for the sale. Next month's meeting will be the traditional potluck Christmas party at the home of Sylvia Wight, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Inexpensive gifts will be exchanged. Members are reminded to bring their completed tray ornament to the Christmas party, for distribution Dec. 12. Motion to adjourn was made by Sylvia Gray and seconded by Gilberte Seeley.

Sigmund Sysko, chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, has sent letters to officials in area towns, inviting them to attend a meeting, to be held at the Newry Town Office, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m., to discuss the solid waste problem. Karlene Bachelder, Betsy Clark, Thelma Lowery, Louise Tetley, Sylvia Wight, Beatrice Lowell, Gilberte Seeley and Eleanor Davis were at Oxford Lanes, Rumford, bowling Nov. 9. Karlene was high on the single, with one string of 110, followed by Thelma with 106. Thelma was high on triple, followed closely by Karlene, with Louise just two points behind Karlene. Louise Tetley reported on the successful

lunch one day last week, as she does each year before leaving for Florida.

The Gospel Group from the Seventh Day Adventist Church, South Lancaster Academy, of South Lancaster, Mass., held services at the Newry Community Church Nov. 13. The service was opened by Pastor Rodney Hanscom. Organist, Nancy Hanscom, played for the opening hymn. The Praise Hills group led the service, directed by Richard Anderson. Several hymns were sung by all, with a gentle man from the group as organist. Pastor Hanscom had the closing service, with all joining in singing "Blest Be The That Is". A coffee was held after the service. The group spent the night at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wight. Over 40 attended.

The Area Clergy Group will hold a service at the West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in singing with the choir, please let the church at 6:15.

The Mothers Club met Nov. 14, at the Municipal Building, with president, Cindy Moxey, presiding. The opening prayer was given by Gilberte Seeley.

Peggy Wight read the minutes of the last meeting and brought the club finances up to date. Sunshine Lady, Olive Anderson, reported on cards sent out since last meeting. It was voted to have the Christmas party at the home of Peggy Wight, at a date to be announced later. Louise Tetley reported on the successful

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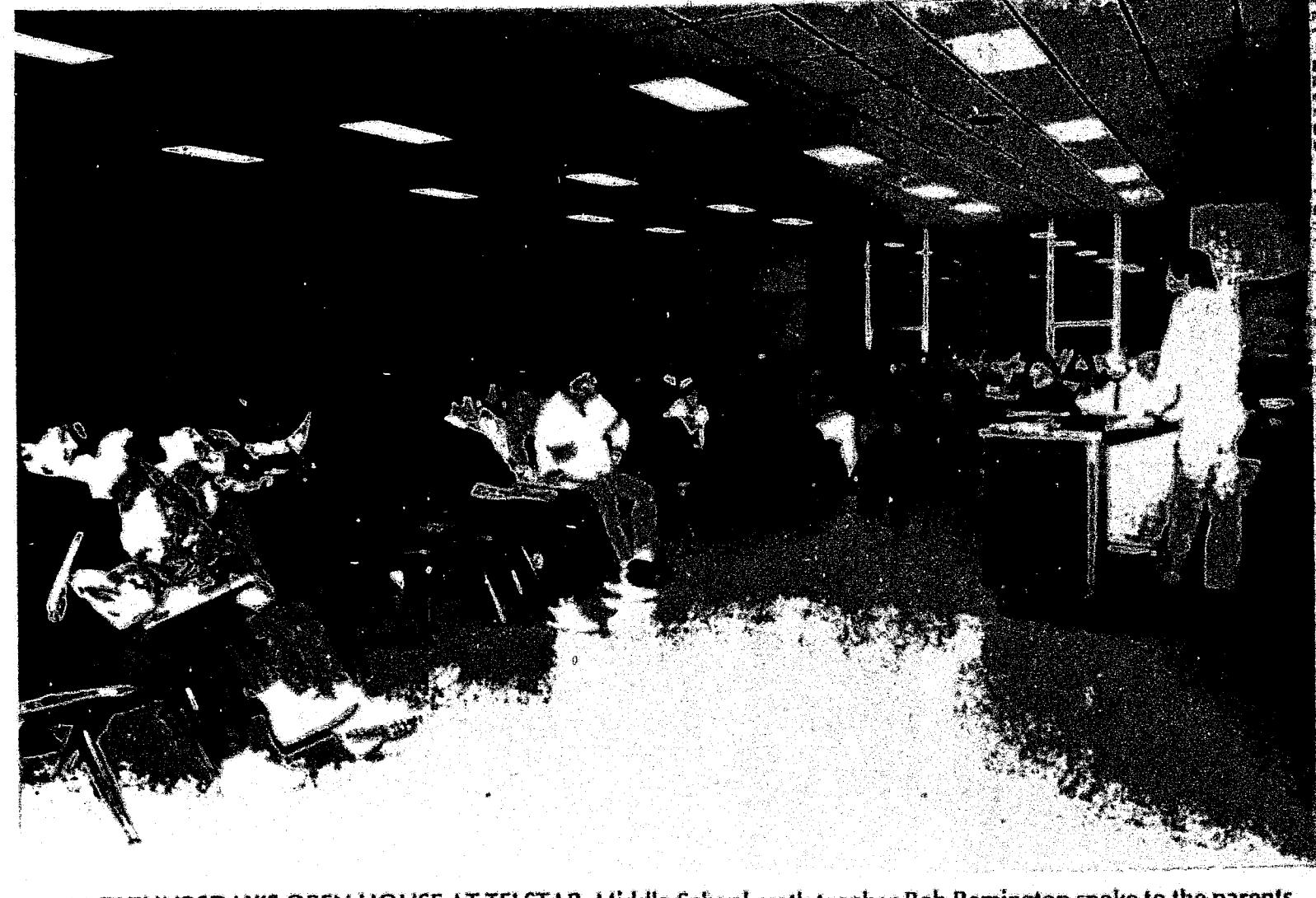
Adult fiction: Sidney Sheldon, "The Sands of Time;" Louise Erdrich, "Tracks;" Eric Segal, "Doctors;" Maeve Binchy, "Firefly Summer;" Mary Stewart, "Thornhold;" Larry McMurtry, "Anything for Billy;" Rita Mae Brown, "BINGO;" Margaret Truman, "Murder in the CIA;" Leon Uris, "Mita Pass;" Anne Tyler, "Breathing Lessons;" Tom Clancy, "Cardinal of the Kremlin."

Young people's books: Lois Duncan, "A Gift of Magic;" Ursula LeGuin, "A Wizard of Earthsea;" Pam Conrad, "Taking the Ferry Home;" Virginia Hamilton, "The House of Dies Drear" and "The Mystery of Drear House."

For Junior readers: nine books in the "American Girls" series have been added to the collection.

In memory of Bob Stearns, G. Roy Murphy donated "Witchwood," by Time Lukeman, and Dorothy Murphy donated "The Bird Table Book," by Tony Soper. The CADET (Community Alcohol and Drug Education Team) group, in its continuing effort to educate the public on substance abuse, donated "How to Stop the One You Love from Drinking," by Mary Ellen Pankham, and "How to Get Off Drugs," by the editors of Rolling Stone.

Gina Douglass' art work is on display in the library this month.



AT LAST THURSDAY'S OPEN HOUSE AT TELSTAR, Middle School math teacher Bob Remington spoke to the parents.

Telstar English classes take field trip to castle

Several senior English classes studying British literature took a field trip to Gloucester, Mass., last month, to the Hammond Castle Museum. The trip was part of the students' studies of medieval Britain, its culture and literature.

The trip included an introduction to the life of the famous inventor John Hammond, a guided tour of the castle, an arms and armor demonstration, a presentation on medieval life and lifestyles, and a musical demonstration on the famous Hammond Castle organ.

Students in Bethel LaVallee's and Beatrice Lowell's classes enjoyed their experience. A few of their comments follow:

"While Hammond Castle does have modern electricity and plumbing along with a heating system, from the moment you step across the drawbridge you're taken back to a time of fairy tales and knighthood. Everything from the expansiveness of the great hall to the hard lumpy mattresses which only the rich were fortunate enough to own showed what life

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By CLARICE GIBSON

What a terrible day Nov. 13 was around here! Kristen (Green) Gibson and her mother were coming back from Gorham, N.H. and came upon a bad accident near Gilford and "Frankie" came upon a bad accident near the Rabbit Road. According to the paper there were a lot of fender benders in and near Gilford.

George Gibson took "Frankie" and Theresa Gibson to see "Ernest" save Christmas Saturday evening. Theresa helped me put out our Thanksgiving decorations Saturday. I have four turkeys salt shakers and she has them in a circle eating. She put down bird seed inside the circle so it is quite festive.

Dr. Leonard Shaw went to Prince Edward Island goose hunting with Dr. John Mason, Dr. Mason's brother and father, Peter and Paul Mason, from Searsport, from Nov. 9-13. Rick Young went also.

Jon and Jen Shaw, twins of Dr. and Mrs. "Lennie" Shaw, spent Saturday night with their cousin, Heath Keniston, and Heather Keniston helped her aunt, Becky, rake up leaves on our road. Heath and Heather are the children of Peter and Judy Keniston, of Norway.

Carol Mason is hoping that more support and help will be given to the Mane Rider's Horse Club, of Bethel. Anyone wanting more information on the club can contact Kathy Parker.

Nov. 15, I went up to Gilford and picked up Louise Lorring. We stopped at the nursing home in West Paris to leave two boxes of jigsaw puzzles. Then after running some errands we went to see a friend, Violet Doughty. While there Maxine Rock, of North Waterford, stopped in. I don't think she had seen Maxine for over 20 years.

Matthew and Mike Smith, grandsons of Homer and Edie Smith, and sons of Bruce Smith, visited Mr. and Mrs. Smith for a day.

Denise Chamberlain, of Lexington, S.C., stayed Nov. 5-7 with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith.

Betty Gilbert took George Gilbert to the eye doctor in Lewiston, Nov. 10. They visited friends Raymond and Marge Colman in Mechanic Falls.

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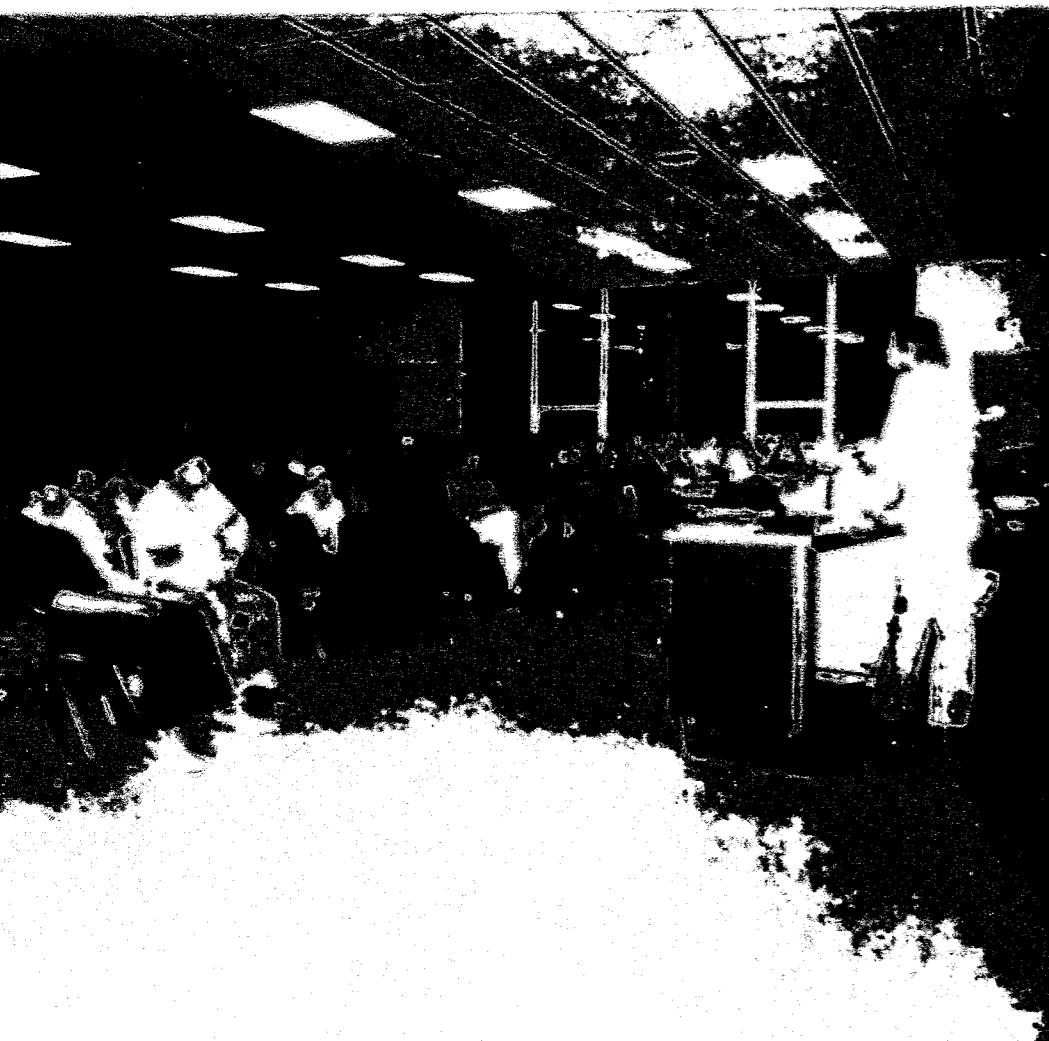
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By ALICE HOYT

Judith Grover Tent #17 met on Monday Nov. 14 for a regular meeting and nomination of officers. Fifteen were present. Filling the officers were chaplain, Leatrice Chase; guard, Tammy House; color bearer #2, Amanda Jordan and judge, Bethany Sawyer. Thank yous were read and General Orders #1 was read. Fifty-seven calls were made. Maryanne and baby were seen; card and money Dept. Aides are Stacy House and Alice Hoyt. Next meeting will be Dec 12 for a Christmas party and second nomination of officers. There will be a lasting party. We will have a table at the church sale Nov. 30. Refreshments were served by Bessie House and granddaughters. Sally Sawyer and Verna Swan attended the reception for department president, Ann Stowe. Verna Swan and Alice Wardwell were reported on. Program was a report on the Keene family history. They were famous for gingerbread.

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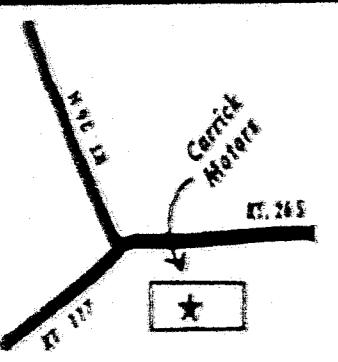
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By VIVA WHITMAN

Not a very sun shiny morning as I sit down to type. Fog and drizzly weather outside and it makes itself known on the inside. It is just the kind of nice weather that arthritis likes by the feeling. Hope it keeps lots of folks where that is concerned. We don't all need to appreciate it.

Get to tell you that Russell got some cracked corn and put out a little and lo and behold, our furry friends are already coming to visit and have a treat. Also put out sunflower seeds for the birds and they found them in a hurry so guess we are remembered as a place to get treats. We do love to watch them though and are glad they are coming to see us.

I watched a squirrel last Friday and it was a sight. I wish I could have gotten over my camera. I saw one of our squirrels coming along the ground with an apple he had gotten from Lawrence's apple tree and he went up and onto a favorite limb on a tree out back. I'll bet he sat there eating on that apple for at least 15 to 20 minutes. I didn't have a film on my camera so didn't have a chance to try to get his picture but he was so cute sitting there eating that apple. Russell said he saw the core out there on the ground but didn't know where it came from. I had never happened to see a squirrel hold and eat an apple like that before so it was a cute sight to behold.

Michael, Wynona and girls came to lunch on Friday. Nannie had them an apartment with Dr. Shedd so they came up. Brought my sewing machine back that they had taken to Portland for me to get a new shuttle. Also brought back Russell's truck that they had had to borrow when Nannie's car was in the garage. Always glad to see them and have a chance to see my granddaughters.

Russell and Peggy attended the special Grange service for Marguerite Marcotte who had passed away after being in the hospital and having to have operations. I didn't go because of good old allergies to flowers. Anyone who doesn't have allergies doesn't know how lucky they are. Smells of things keep me from going places and doing things I like to do and it is fun fun.

Russell has been cleaning out space in the old trailer we have for storage. It sure needed it and I need to get out there and do some cleaning myself but want warmer weather to do it. I have quite a lot of stuff out there and maybe we will have a yard sale next spring to get rid of some. We are thinking about it.

I did some sewing on Saturday to see how the machine would sew and it does good. Made a bread pudding but used some corn flakes as well as a slice of bread in it. I made it to take to South Paris Grange where Russell and I attended Saturday evening. We went to a Thanksgiving supper and the meeting afterward. We had been asked to have something for the program but didn't have a skit as they had hoped we would.

We had a nice evening and Peggy did also as she went to Greene to the dance. There were folks from several Granges at the meeting and that makes it good. Something that happens every year it seems happened this weekend. The folks came to clean our furnace on Saturday. "See you next year" were the words we heard when the young fellow left. We had our doubts as every year since we have had the mobile home and had the furnace cleaned, we always have to have them back a time or two to get it set right. On Sunday evening, it began to get a little chilly around here and we realized the furnace hadn't come on for some time. Russell tried a number of times to get it to start with the reset button. It would start a little but wouldn't keep going so

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So. Woodstock

By OLIVE R. DAVIS

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Susan Crandall, of Bethel, earned high honors for the first quarter at Bryant Academy, where she is a freshman.

Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

As I sit here, I picture the contrast of this scene to that of the sea and an island; for my nephew asked me to cross Penobscot Bay this morning. I didn't go. Here I look out on mountains looming over wooded hills, where the peaks dominate the countryside. Now and then there appears a cap of gray granite devoid of vegetation. The crystal clear pond, like a diamond set into the woodland, reflects the wild beauty of the scene. Steel blue shadows fill the hollows, but things are changing for the day has turned slate. The wind whips the water. The clouds tumble low and menacing with a suspicion of snow to come.

The wind that tumbled the water here I'm sure was battling up high waves and boiling white caps on the bay. I have crossed this bay many times to visit and to vacation on North Haven Island and to boat to neighboring islands for my brother-in-law knew them well. His small boat laden low purrs smoothly across the harbor when braced, to bump head on into the chop of the sea.

Where the island first crawled out of the sea there were smooth rocks, fresh as smooth baked bread. We anchored in a safe place to erase the waves and to lunch, with the warm sun upon our backs.

Even an island has its seasons and I have visited there in June, when daisies were tossed like comets tailed by the wind—grasses, when wild strawberries lay hid in July, but children knew their secrets, August had a moon's golden bloom staining the sea to amber.

Goldenes marked the stalking fall while the everlasting shade of blue of the spruce spread against the sea.

I have heard about the winters but have never experienced one there. Even if I never go to North Haven again, I shall always remember the dark shore, a bonfire, two waves sliding almost noiselessly upon the wet sand, flooding moonlight and dark forms of resurred trees; and surely I'll remember most of all the friendly people.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE Pastor's Study

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE MILLS

The Bethel Area Clergy Association, with the help of pastors of surrounding churches, brings you these meditations. Not based on any set theme, they will be individual for each pastor. It is hoped you will find in these words, comfort and help for your daily life.

Once again the season of the year when we think about Thanksgiving is upon us. Not that it is the only time of year we should give thanks, for indeed we should be thankful every day for God's multiple blessings. However, it is also fitting and proper to have a special day set apart by this nation that has been so greatly and richly blessed of God, when we return on a patchwork homemade quilt.

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The Book of Psalms, one of the best known and dearly loved portions of God's Word, abounds with praise to God with eloquent and profound words of praise. Especially, such Psalms as the famous Psalm 100, and the last five Psalms, where we find strong admonition to praise God in nearly every verse.

Would it not be a good spiritual exercise to read this Thanksgiving season to read the many Psalms of praise in this great book of the Bible. As we look, even casually, at so many other countries of the world, as seen so vividly portrayed by the news media through television, how can we help but be anything else but thankful? When we think of the great abundance of material things we have, compared with other countries, to say nothing of the great and precious freedom we enjoy and to his wife, Dorothy, and to the family.

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Obituaries

JOHN BRADBURY SWASEY

John Bradbury Swasey, 85, of Andover, husband of M. Jean Heggeman Swasey, died unexpectedly Saturday, Nov. 19, 1988, shortly after his arrival at the Rumford Community Hospital.

He was born Dec. 16, 1922 in Standish, the son of Joseph and Ethel Doloff Swasey. A resident of Andover the past 35 years, he was a member of the Andover Congregational Church. He was retired from the State of Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a game warden, with more than 23 years of service. He was also a Star Route postal carrier. Mr. Swasey was a graduate of Standish High School in the Class of 1940 and a veteran of World War II where he was a Pfc in the Marine Corps, serving in the Pacific theater of operations for more than 30 months. He was a member of the Standish Masonic Lodge #7, the Great Northern Railway Historical Society, the Wildlife Association, the National Audubon Society and the Coonseau Society.

Surviving, besides his wife of Andover, are two sons, Barry and Steven, both of Andover; one daughter, Mrs. Jeffrey [Karen] Dolloff of Standish; one sister, Mrs. Walter (Mary) Stewart of Sun City, Ariz.; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday at the Andover Congregational Church, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations in his name may be made to the Andover Rescue Unit, Andover, 04216.

BABY CHRISTIE L. AVANZATO

Christie Lynn Avanzato, 17 months old, died Friday, Nov. 18, 1988 at Maine Medical Center in Portland, where she had been a patient since birth.

She was born at Lexington, Ky., June 11, 1987, the daughter of Anthony W. and Bonnie Walker Avanzato.

Survivors include her parents, of South Hiram; her maternal grandparents, Richard and Joan Walker of Waterboro; her paternal grandparents, Ronald and Charlotte Avanzato of South Hiram; her maternal great-grandparents, Evelyn Johnson and Harley Mason, both of Fryeburg, and Willard and Margaret Walker of Waterboro; her paternal great-grandparents, Ernest and Marjorie Westleigh, both of Albany; and her paternal great-grandparent, A.T. Robbins of Rockland.

Funeral services were held yesterday Tuesday, with Rev. Norman Rust officiating. Interment was in the West Bethel Cemetery.

MARJORIE CUSHMAN BROOKS

Marjorie Cushman Brooks, 96, of West Paris, formerly of Pownal, died Thursday, Nov. 17, 1988, at a local nursing home after a long illness.

Born in South Bethel, the daughter of Isaac A. and Lillie Swan Cushman, she attended Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy in 1910.

She taught and was school superintendent in Grafton before moving to Pownal, where she taught at Pineland Hospital and Training Center. She taught also in Durham, West Pownal and North Pownal, where she retired in 1960. She moved to West Paris in 1975. Mrs. Brooks was a member of the Friends Church in Durham and the National Retired Teachers Association. Her husband, Allan A. Brooks, died in 1966.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. James (Beatrice) Brown, of Bethel; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Monday, Nov. 21, at Elmwood Cemetery, Pownal.

Gilead subdivision OK'd

The Gilead Planning Board, at its Nov. 7 meeting, approved David Head's subdivision following a public hearing.

The subdivision, on 75 acres off the North Road, will have 12 lots.

A Woman's Touch

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Telstar honor roll students named

Telstar Regional High School Principal Ted Davis this week announced the names of students making the honor roll for the first quarter.

Grade 9: 2nd honors, Michelle Conkright and Casey Swan; 3rd honors, Lawrence Grover, Amy Hannan, Victor Hart, Scott Higgins, Dustin Howe, Shilo Hutchins, Robin Michaud, Bridget Remington, Howard Roberts and Troy Wing.

Grade 10: 2nd honors, Nathaniel Buckman, Jean Columbus, Cynthia Hammel, Rebecca Hanscom, Heidi Moore, Anastacia Thornton; 3rd honors, Angela Apolin, Kris Delano, Jennifer Felt, Kelly Hayes, Meredith Howe, Gena Morgan, Michelle Patten, Kristen Powell, Michele Rosita.

Grade 11: 2nd honors, Kryston Monk; 3rd honors, Michele Beauchesne, Marc Brown, Aaron Conant, Randy Coulombe, Stephanie Crockett, Cathy Cronin, Kristen Cushman, David Foster, Mary Beth Hannan, Betsy Morton, Todd Posen.

Grade 12: 1st honors, Kelly Cole; 2nd honors, Valerie Hayden, Rebecca Hutchins, Mariko Kamiyo, Rob LaBarbera, Michael O'Meara, Richard Roy, Bethany Taylor, Joanne Wells; 3rd honors, Carlos Aizpun, Grego Axler, Nathan Bean, Chris Buckingham, Wanda Crockett, John Eliot, Sarah Goss, George Hayes, Paula Michaud, Michael Monzo, April Pierce, Larry Snowman, Heidi Westleigh, Theodore Wheeler.

Auditions scheduled

for show in Oxford Hills

The Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association (O.H.M.P.A.A.) will hold auditions for its next performance on Feb. 24 and 26 and March 3 and 4. O.H.M.P.A.A. plans to do a musical review show of the 1940s and '50s called "Tears and Laughter" at Goldstreet.

The show's director will be Alyson Whitney. She is looking for singers and musicians of all ages, sizes and shapes.

Auditions will be Monday, Nov. 28, and Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Second Congregational Church in Norway, 7-9 p.m. Virginia Noble will be the accompanist for auditions and the show. O.H.M.P.A.A. will also need people to help with publicity, ticket sales, lighting, costumes sets and props.

If you would like to do any of these jobs, or just help out, you should go to the audition, or phone the director. Rehearsals will start in January and will be on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

East Stoneham

By GLADYS KILGORE

Congratulations are being extended to Andrea Barker and Charles Fieldbrown who were married Saturday afternoon at the church here. They will live in a nice holding trailer on McAllister Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nelson Sr. had their son Dale and family for supper Saturday night, also Mrs. Grace Nelson.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Kip Krichko (Leslie Bancroft) announce the birth of a 10-pound son, Kade, Nov. 15, in Portland, Oregon. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Al Bancroft, of Paris Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Hills Krichko, of Oregon. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings, of East Bethel, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bancroft, Paris Hill.

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Community Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 23:

Ecumenical Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the Bethel Area Congregational Church, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 24:

"Over the River and through the Bridge" 4-mile road race, starting at Sunday River Inn, 9:30 a.m. Registration at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 28:

Parent-teacher conferences, Agnes Gray School.

American Red Cross blood drive, at the West Parish Congregational Church, noon to 5:30 p.m., sponsored by the Bethel Area Health Center.

Tuesday, Nov. 29:

Area-wide meeting at the Newry town office, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 30:

Annual Christmas Sale, at the Bryant Pond Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., sponsored by the Universalist Church.

Andover Library Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-841. Story hour each Tuesday afternoon, from 3 to 4 (preschool to Grade 2).

Bethel Library Hours: Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; Thursday, 1-5 p.m., pre-school story hour, 10:15 a.m.; Friday, 4:45 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.; Betsy Raymond, Librarian.

Game Party at Mund-Allen Post #81, Vernon Street, Bethel, 6:30 p.m.

First Thursday of Each Month: Bethel Historical Society, 7 p.m.

Second Thursday of Each Month: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at the Casco Bank, 7:30 a.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

Third Thursday of Each Month: Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club, Club Room, Newry, 6:30 p.m., potluck; 7:30 p.m., meeting.

Every Friday: Friday Gift Shop, at the Bethel United Methodist Church, during summer, 1 p.m.

Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post #68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6:30 p.m.

Third Friday of Each Month: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday of Each Month: Woodstock Historical Society, 7 p.m., Woodstock Historical Society Museum.

First Monday of Each Month: Newry Community Church Ladies' Circle, 7:30 p.m.

Every Monday: Overeaters Anonymous, meets at the Bethel Fire Station, 6:30 p.m.

Second Monday of Each Month: Newry Mothers' Club meets at Swan Club Room, 7:30 p.m.

Second Tuesday of Each Month: Mund-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at the Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

First and Third Tuesday of Each Month: Bethel Lions Club meets at the Bethel Lions Den, Main St. Social hour, 6:30-7 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m. and meeting follows.

First and Third Monday of Each Month: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Conservation Commission meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday of Each Month: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Every Tuesday: Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 6 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Ivan Curtis and son, of Massachusetts, were here for a short hunting trip. They stayed at their camp on Lake Keewadyin.

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